

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A graphical user interface (GUI), comprising:
at least one option area for displaying to a user functions which may be invoked by the user by operating an input device to the GUI; and
an instrumentality operable to be activated by the user when the user manipulates the input device for displaying at the user's command in a separate menu the functions that are displayable to the user in the at least one option area.
2. (Original) The GUI recited in claim 1, wherein the instrumentality comprises a sequence of keystrokes.
3. (Original) The GUI recited in claim 1, wherein the instrumentality comprises an icon.
4. (Original) The GUI recited in claims 2 or 3, further comprising a separate menu which is activated by the user invoking the instrumentality and which lists options that are hidden from the user's view in the option area.
5. (Original) The GUI recited in claim 1 wherein the GUI comprises a plurality of options areas.
6. (Currently Amended) The GUI recited in claim ~~[[6]]~~ 5, wherein each of the option areas in the plurality of options areas comprises a separate color.
7. (Original) A method of providing to a user of a graphical user interface (GUI) option functions for software that is associated with the GUI, comprising the steps of:
providing at least one option area for displaying to a user functions which may be invoked by the user by operating an input device to the GUI; and

providing an instrumentality operable to be activated by the user when the user manipulates the input device for displaying at the user's command in a separate menu the functions that are displayable to the user in the at least one option area.

8. (Original) The method recited in claim 7, wherein the instrumentality comprises a sequence of keystrokes.

9. (Original) The method recited in claim 7, wherein the instrumentality comprises an icon.

10. (Original) The method recited in claims 8 or 9, wherein the second providing step further comprises the step of creating a separate menu which is activated by the user invoking the instrumentality and which lists options that are hidden from the user's view in the option area.

11. (Original) The method recited in claim 7 wherein the first providing step comprises providing to the user a plurality of options areas.

12. (Original) The method recited in claim 11, wherein each of the option areas in the plurality of options areas comprises a separate color.